

Yellowknife Community Audit '76

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Location (distance and direction to major cities)

Latitude 114 degrees 26 minutes west

Longitude 62 degrees 28 minutes north

	Air miles/km	Highway miles/km	Population	City of Yellowknife	Northwest Territories
Hay River	125/201	307/494	1965	3,500	30,000
Fort Smith	190/306	465/748	1970	6,500	34,800
Fort Simpson	230/370	395/636	1975	9,100	41,000
Inuvik	680/1094	---	1976	10,300	46,400
Edmonton	600/960	947/1524	1981	12,800	53,600
Vancouver	1121/1793	1780/2864	1986	15,900	66,500
Winnipeg	1062/1699	1797/2891	2001	27,900	116,300

Climate:

Similar in its extremes to the climate of southern Canada. The differences are light rainfall, a shorter summer with longer days and a considerably longer period of temperatures below freezing.

Hours of sunshine:

Spring and Summer 20 hours, Autumn 12 hours,

Winter 6 hours.

Annual precipitation: 10 inches/254 mm.

Rainfall: 5.67 inches/143.5 mm.

Snowfall: 43.3 inches/1099.82 mm.

Temperature: F/C F/C

January mean High -10/-23.4 low -25/-32

July mean High 68.8/20.4 low 52.3/11.3

Prevailing winds: easterly, velocity 10.2 mph

Services:

Electricity:

Producer NCPD, distributor Plains Western

Capacity: 14,000 KW

Rates:

Residential	Commercial
First 75 KWH \$3.40	KVA demand \$2.76
ea. addnl. KWH 2.03	KWH 3.43 cents

Sewer: City of Yellowknife, piped new town, truck system, old town.

Fuel: Heating oil, private, \$0.54 gal.

Propane, private, \$5.09 - 20 lb. bottle \$60.65
- 100 lb. bottle

Gasoline (leaded) \$1.00 gal.

Aviation fuel 80/87, 100/130, turbo, JP4

City of Yellowknife, piped, chlorinated and fluoridated, old town surface pipe in summer, truck system in winter

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Air: 7,500 and 5,000 foot asphalt strips, low frequency range, non directional beacon, maintenance garages, lighted runways, terminal building, float base.

Scheduled interprovincial airlines:

Pacific Western (Edmonton) and

Transair (Winnipeg)

for detailed information on local and charter airlines, see Current Explorers Guide published by TravelArctic, Yellowknife, N.W.T.

Road: Mackenzie Highway all weather gravel road connection with Edmonton. Bus service three times weekly. Road closed up to a month during breakup and freezeup of Mackenzie River (ferry service summer, ice road winter). 5 transport firms, taxi service, bus service. 4 car rental firms.

Water:

NTCL from Hay River, June to October - freight only

Government of the Northwest Territories:

all departments 873-2611

Government of Canada: 873-4421

Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development

Department of Energy, Mines and Resources

Department of Justice

Department of Manpower and Immigration

Department of National Health and Welfare

Department of Public Works

Ministry of Transport

Environment Canada

Department of National Defence

Communications Canada

Public Service Commission

Canada Post

RCMP

Employment 1976 [figures are approximate]

Industry	Employees	Type of Company
Mining	650	Gold Mining
Manufacturing	65	Printing, crafts, etc.
Construction	175	Buildings, roads, etc.
Utilities	50	Power, Phone, etc.
Transportation	250	Airlines, Trucklines, etc.
Trade	600	Retail, Hotel, trades etc.
Finance	100	Banks, insurance, etc.
Education	70	Primary, secondary
Government	2,000	
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Housing:

1975	# Units	Price Range
Single family	997	\$70,000
Two family	31	\$100,000
Apartments	843	\$300.00 and up
Mobile homes	318	new \$20 - \$25,000 5 yrs. \$17 - \$20,000
Row housing	241	\$50,000
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	2,430	

Wages: Minimum wage \$3.00 per hour.

Most wages for trades are equivalent to or slightly higher than Alberta Union negotiated rates.

City of Yellowknife:

873-2671

Revenue: total assessment 1976 \$41,569,833

Mill rate: 100% base Residential 38.5, Townhouses
apartments 42.0, commercial 53.2

Sales Tax: none

Area within city limits: 34,240 acres/1289.6 hectares

Zoned industrial sites: 200 acres/80 hectares

Police Force: Bylaw enforcement officers 4

- RCMP: G Division, Headquarters 19,
Yellowknife subdivision 8,
Yellowknife detachment 18.

Fire Department: 873-3434 - Full time 7,
volunteers 32.

Communications:

CNT Microwave, Direct Distance Dialing, telex,

Mobile: YJ

Hospital: Stanton Yellowknife, 78 beds, staff: 75

Medical Clinics: 6

Dental clinics: 1

Medical Practitioners: 14, Dentists 3, Ophthalmologist,
Optometrist, Chiropractor.

Veterinarian

Churches:

Anglican, Baha'i, Baptist, Latter Day Saints,
Nazarene, Seventh Day Adventist, Pentecostal,
Lutheran, Jehova's Witnesses, Roman Catholic,
United.

Banks:

Bank of Montreal, Bank of Nova Scotia, Canadian
Imperial Bank of Commerce, Toronto-Dominion
Bank, North of 60 Credit Union, Laurentide Financial
Services, Federal Business Development Bank.

Schools:

Local school boards

Elementary/Secondary: 3, (Kindergarten-grade 8)

Parochial: 1 (Kindergarten-grade 12)

Academic/Vocational: 1, (Grade 9-12)

Special Schools: 1

Universities: none

Accommodation:

Hotels/Motels: 5/350 beds

Campsites: 82 sites

Trailer facilities.

Attractions:

Parks/open areas:

23 including Bristol Monument, Petitot, McNiven
Beach, Long Beach, Ski Hill area, Tommy Forrest
Ball Park.

Recreation:

Arena, Curling rink, Tennis, Ball park, Cross country
ski trail, downhill ski trail, boating, canoeing,
fishing, movie theatre, 9 hole golf course.

Library: Yellowknife Public Library

Restaurants/cafeterias: 12 -- ice cream parlours 2.

Bars: 8 -- with entertainment 4.

Alcoholic Beverages:

Private liquor agency, licenced hours: daily except
Sundays with meals only.

Radio: CBC Mackenzie, Yellowknife, CFYK 1340

Television:

CBC Mackenzie channel 8, Cable Mackenzie Media
Newspapers:

News of the North, Yellowknifer, weekly.

Native Press, bi-monthly

Interpreter, monthly

Shopping: Supermarkets: 3 Butchers: 2

Craft 4	Photo 2
Drug Stores 2	Antiques 1
Clothing/Sporting goods 8	Books 1
Hardware/Building supplies 4	Variety 1
Department 2	Flowers 2
Appliances/Furniture 4	Car dealers 2
Gas stations 4	

Holidays and Events:

January:	New Year's Day
February:	
March:	Caribou Carnival, Canadian Dog Derby Sweepstakes
April:	Easter Bonspiel
May:	Victoria Day
June:	Midnight Sun Golf Tournament
July:	Dominion Day, Fastball Tournament
August:	Civic Holiday
September:	Labour Day, Fall Fair
October:	Thanksgiving
November:	
December:	Christmas

Interested in Relocating?

Canadian Citizens:

A high rate of unemployment, the high cost and short supply of housing are obstacles to the newcomer to Yellowknife. In some cases a 60% northern hire rule disqualifies applicants. However a high turnover rate in some fields provides a relatively high number of job openings. Canadians considering moving to Yellowknife should try to obtain a job offer before arriving. There may be jobs in the pipeline construction field when and if the Canadian Government announces a go-ahead on this project. (For more information, Canada Manpower, Box 1170, Yellowknife).

Citizens of other countries:

There is a very high rate of unemployment in the Northwest Territories. Tourists are not permitted to work in Canada, nor can foreign citizens apply for landed immigrant status here. If you are considering moving to Canada, make an application to the office of a Canadian Consul nearest you for landed immigrant status. Employers are liable to fines and imprisonment for hiring illegal immigrants.

Homesteading in the N.W.T.

At present there is no provision by the government for homesteading or for grants.

Land may be obtained by lease for residential or commercial purposes. Applications must be made in person. (For further information, Dept. of Information, Government of the N.W.T., Yellowknife, N.W.T.)

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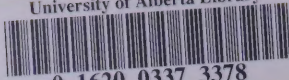
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